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Source Cryptonym: Escrow

References: HGG-380, HGG-416, HGG-417

Source, Operational Data, and Comments:

Source: Escrow from Isidro LEMUS Dimas, Guatemalan lawyer  
who has done legal work for the Communists.

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Subject: Distribution of Communist  
Propaganda in Guatemala

Report No: HGG-461

Date of Information: 8 February 1954

Place Acquired: Guatemala City

Date Acquired: 19 February 1954

Evaluation: B-3

Date of Report: 22 February 1954

Source: Individual with contacts in Communist groups.

1. Source has advised that the name of the company formed in Guatemala City for the purpose of importing and distributing Russian propaganda films is "Gilberto del Valle y Compania, Ltda," and is headed by Gilberto del VALLE. The latter-named individual, according to source's contact, recently stated that he has received instructions from Czechoslovakia to increase his circulation of films from the Soviet Union in order to attempt to eliminate the circulation of films from "Arte Kino" in Uruguay. According to Del VALLE, the Soviet films arrive in Guatemala via Czechoslovakia.
2. The source of information stated he had been told by Gilberto Del VALLE that the company has sent \$1,500 to Czechoslovakia with the request that additional films from the USSR be sent to Guatemala.
3. Del VALLE further stated that his company has recently made a nice profit from two Russian films which have been shown here. The names of those two films are "El Gran Concierto" and "En la Arena del Circo." According to Del VALLE, the Russians are as much interested in the propaganda value of the films as they are in the actual profit derived from the films.

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